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December 24, 1968

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Washington, D. C. 20515

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Assistant to the
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December 16, 1968

Honorable Thomas F. Railsback
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Railsback:

Thank you for your letter of December 4 inquiring about patronage recommendations for Federal positions.

If you discover any persons whom you feel have an interest in and would be qualified for a position in the Federal government I would recommend that you first contact Vic Smith and obtain from him the appropriate application forms to be filled out and processed by the transition task force.

If you need any additional information other than the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
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December 4, 1968

Mr. Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to President-Elect Richard Nixon
Hotel Pierre
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Harlow:

Some of my county chairmen have called meetings to discuss the subject of patronage and have inquired if they will be requested to make recommendations for any Federal positions, and if so, approximately how many positions there might be and when they might open up. Any information you might be able to furnish that would be helpful to me in replying to the county chairmen will be appreciated.

With best regards I am

Sincerely,

Tom Railsback
TOM RAILSBACK
Member of Congress

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December 16, 1968

Kennedy

Honorable Thomas F. Railsback
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Railsback:

Certainly all of us here are grateful to you for sharing with the President-Elect the helpful letter you received from Dr. Tamimie discussing relations of our country with the Arab states.

One suggestion, as you will recall, was that Mr. Nixon send an exploratory mission to this region -- and while the composition of the mission was not precisely suggested, perhaps it is similar to Governor William Scranton's trip just completed.

I assure you that Mr. Tamimie's views will have most careful consideration by the new Administration.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

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January 7, 1969

Honorable Jennings ~~Randolph~~, Chairman
Committee on Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thanks very much for your December 17 letter recommending Rod Kreger for the position of Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration.

I'm pleased to know of your close and favorable association with him and certainly hope that something can be worked out so that Rod can participate in the new Administration. Your enthusiastic salute means a great deal.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
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bcc: Harry Flemming

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December 17th, 1968

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Office of the President-Elect,
Richard M. Nixon
Pierre Hotel
61st Street and Park Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Harlow:

I have just learned that the name of Rod Kreger has been mentioned as a candidate for Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration.

As Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, a Committee which must work continuously with General Services Administration officials, I would like to indorse Mr. Kreger's candidacy. He has twenty years of excellent service in various Capitol Hill and Executive Branch capacities, including two years as Special Assistant to the Administrator of the General Services Administration when the Honorable Franklin Floete was Administrator. If selected, I am confident that he would work harmoniously with our Committee.

With kind personal regards,

Truly,


JENNINGS RANDOLPH, U.S.S.
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Dear Congressman Rarick:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 12, addressed to President-Elect Richard Nixon, enclosing a reprint from the Manion Forum.

I appreciate having a copy of the discussion between Dean Manion and Mr. M. Stanton Evans and will certainly bring "Landslide Against Liberalism" to the attention of the President-Elect.

I look forward to working with you during the 91st Congress.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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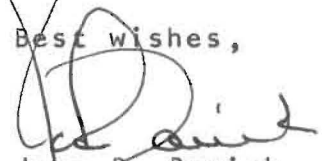
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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President-Elect
Pierre Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Mr. President-elect:

In compliance with the request of one
of my constituents, the attached is
forwarded to your attention.

Best wishes,


John R. Rarick
Representative in Congress

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LANDSLIDE AGAINST LIBERALISM

Who And What Caused Nixon's Nomination And Election

M. STANTON EVANS
Editor, Indianapolis News

DEAN MANION: In the wide range of pre-election commentary no medium called the shots more clearly and effectively than the editorial page of the Indianapolis Daily News. For political insight and the ability to articulate it understandably, the distinguished young Editor of that paper, Mr. M. Stanton Evans, is without a peer in the entire country.

With this microphone, I am in Mr. Evans' Indianapolis office now for his explanation of what the election returns really mean for all of us.

Mr. Evans, welcome back to the Manion Forum.

MR. EVANS: Thank you very much, Dean Manion, it's my pleasure to be back with you again.

DEAN MANION: In National Review recently, you said that 1968—both before and after the election—would be a big year for Conservatism. You said that surveys indicated a win for Nixon; a strong showing for Wallace; and oblivion for Humphrey. Were you right?

MR. EVANS: In general, yes, I was right. I believe that this election proves rather conclusively that the American people have had enough of Liberalism in Washington and want a change in the Conservative direction. We had one candidate, Vice President Humphrey, who represented the Liberal position; two candidates, President-elect Nixon and former Governor George Wallace, who represented a repudiation of the Liberal position from different perspectives.

The anti-Liberal candidates rolled up about 38 million votes between them and the pro-Liberal candidate got about 29 million votes. So, in effect, it was a landslide against Liberalism. It seems to me that people who talk about the narrowness of Nixon's margin miss the point, because with



M. STANTON EVANS

Wallace in the race and getting over nine million votes, it's rather a tribute to Nixon that he was able to assemble an Electoral College majority. I believe that his performance, plus the Wallace performance, is a stinging repudiation of the Liberal point of view.

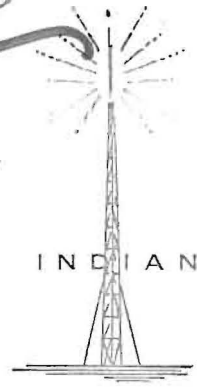
It seems to me that with the Nixon victory and the big Wallace vote there is a very large opening to the Right in our politics, with a chance for Nixon to change the direction and the momentum of American politics and get us back from this big-government, welfare-state approach at home, toward a greater emphasis on free enterprise and individual responsibility. And, hopefully, to get us away from the continuing record of default which has been so obvious in foreign affairs. So, in the Presidential arena I think that this was, indeed, a victory for Conservatism.

DEAN MANION: Many thought the subject of war and peace in Viet Nam was the most important issue in the election. If that is so, how important was the President's stop-the-bombing order? Do you think that President Johnson's timing of it was politically motivated? Did the order help Humphrey, and if so, how much?

MR. EVANS: Well, it's obviously very difficult to assess President Johnson's reasons for announcing the bombing halt when he did. Whatever his motives, however, it is clear that the halt had some political effect. It was announced, as I recall, on October 31—four days before the balloting—with the statement by President Johnson that we could not know conclusively whether the North Vietnamese were reciprocating until Wednesday,

DEAN MANION

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA



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November 6, the day after the election.

So, the net effect of the announcement at that time was to place the entire issue in a kind of limbo; this must have had the effect of reconciling many of the McCarthy people to the Humphrey candidacy. I think it did help Humphrey in the final tabulation. As it turned out, it didn't help him enough, but whatever the motivation there is little doubt but that the announcement did have political effect.

Conservatives Nominated Nixon

DEAN MANION: In terms of the 1964 result, would you say that the 1968 election was a clear victory for Conservatism?

MR. EVANS: Of course there is almost no comparison in the outcome with 1964, because in 1964 the Republican Party suffered a very large Presidential defeat and in 1968 they won a Presidential victory. In many ways 1964 was a year of consolidation and of building for the Conservative point of view. It proved that, first, the Conservatives could control the Republican Party in the convention—which they did in 1964 and which they did again in 1968.

I think we have to remember that Nixon's nomination was the work of Conservatives. The people who nominated Richard Nixon were Barry Goldwater, John Tower, Strom Thurmond—the Conservative spokesmen. The delegate votes came from the Conservative sections of the country, so that in terms of internal Republican effort, 1968 was a follow-up on 1964.

Similarly, in the voting for President, Nixon pursued, quite obviously, in seeking his election, a so-called Southern strategy, which was originally devised by Goldwater. He depended upon getting votes from the South, which was very difficult to do with Wallace also in the race, but, nevertheless, he did it. He won in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and these votes were crucial to his election. If he had not won these states, he would not have been elected.

So, I think that in terms of the convention battle and in terms of the general election in 1968, it represented a building upon the achievements of 1964, although it takes a retrospective glance to see that 1964 was, in fact, a time of accomplishment rather than a time of failure.

DEAN MANION: From the Conservative viewpoint what effect did Wallace have, first on the campaign and secondly, on the results of the election?

MR. EVANS: Wallace definitely exerted a magnetic influence on both the Nixon and Humphrey campaigns. Wallace was the most voluble and persistent spokesman on the issue of law and order. He obviously was surfacing many of the anxieties of the American people on this subject, and the very fact that he was speaking out on this

caused the major party candidates to focus attention on it as well.

In many ways Wallace set the political pace, as far as issues were concerned, in this election. In terms of the vote, there is a big argument as to whom he helped and hurt. I think, in general, in the North Wallace tended to take votes away from Humphrey in some industrial states, which helped Nixon. In the South, obviously he was competing with Nixon and probably hurt Nixon in many of those states.

However, I think that the net effect of the Wallace candidacy—the nine million votes he got—will serve as a reminder to the Republicans that there is a large group of people over here on the Right side of the political spectrum, including many Republicans, who are concerned that the Republican Party hew to a Conservative course. There are many, many Conservatives who voted for Nixon as well, so you have a lot of Conservative representation in this election.

AIP Future Depends On GOP

DEAN MANION: Do you see any long-term future for the American Independent Party?

MR. EVANS: Well, I, as I think I indicated this is really up for determination by political events in the next four years. If the Republican Party becomes or remains an essentially Conservative institution and convinces people that it stands for Conservatism, then I think that this third party phenomenon will tend to dissipate itself, but if it follows another course, I think this Third Party phenomenon is going to get bigger and bigger.

The interesting parallel to this is the performance of the Norman Thomas Socialist Party, over a period of decades, really, in American politics. By representing a leftward alternative to the left of the Democratic Party, the Norman Thomas Socialist group exerted a tremendous influence on the course of our entire politics. In a way, with many differences in doctrine and technique, the Wallace effort represents the same kind of a force, and it is quite a large force as this election shows.

I think that the Wallace influence will continue to be felt, and whether or not Wallace is a factor in the future is going to depend on the performance of the Republican Party. If the Republican Party articulates the concern of the American people about rampant crime, lawlessness, big government and the performance of the Supreme Court, then I think the Wallace phenomenon will tend to go away and these people will be absorbed into the Republican Party. If the Republican Party follows a leftward course, then I think the Wallace phenomenon will persist and can even get larger by 1972.

I do believe that the Republican performance is really what is at stake here. If it stands for responsible Conservative government, then it can

become a majority party for the foreseeable future, absorbing many of the Wallace voters. If it does not stand for Conservative government, then I think the Wallace Party could become a permanent fixture in our politics.

DEAN MANION: You think then, that the Wallace movement might parallel the performance of the Conservative Party in New York, where, I understand, its candidate for the Senate polled more than a million votes in this election?

MR. EVANS: I think the Conservative Party growth in New York State is an almost perfect illustration of what can happen when the Republican Party adheres to a Liberal position. The Conservative Party of New York was only formed in 1962 and it has grown by leaps and bounds ever since. The Buckley performance in the Senatorial election is simply the latest in a long series of attainments by the New York Conservatives.

In 1966, running Dean Paul Adams for governor, the New York Conservative Party surpassed the veteran Liberal Party in votes accumulated and became the third largest party in New York State. As a result of this many Republicans and some Democrats in New York are now happy to get the endorsement of the Conservative Party. This means additional votes for them and gives the Conservatives a great deal of leverage in the politics in New York State.

I think this is simply another illustration of what I am talking about. These third party movements are really coefficients of the Republican performance—where the Republican Party stands for Conservatism, such efforts will not succeed. There is, for example, no appreciable third party movement in the state of Arizona where Barry Goldwater leads the Republican Party. There is an appreciable third party movement in New York where Nelson Rockefeller leads the Republican Party. So, again, it really comes back to what the Republican Party does.

The third party phenomenon cannot be blamed on splinter elements, or on the confusion of the American people, or anything else, because it is entirely within the power of the Republicans to prevent such things, and the way to prevent them is to stand for the Conservative philosophy, to articulate the Conservative philosophy and to run on it in the election.

Candidates Ignore Foreign Policy

DEAN MANION: Aside from Viet Nam, what in your opinion, were some of the effective issues in the campaign and what were some of the issues that were not discussed but which should have been debated before the electorate?

MR. EVANS: It's hardly a revolutionary observation to note that perhaps the most crucial domestic issue was the issue of crime and violence—disorder in our cities and on our college campuses. Every index I have seen shows that the

American people are simply fed up with crime, fed up with the galloping increase in the rate of criminality, fed up with riots, fed up with agitation and people committing all kinds of obstructive acts. This, I think, was the dominant thought in the minds of most Americans in this election.

Secondly, I think the issue of big government, heavy taxation, the issue of being able to count on enjoying the fruits of your own labors—your earnings—and not have what you make taken away from you by taxes and inflation, seemed to be very prominent in people's minds. I know in my own State of Indiana the two issues on which the successful gubernatorial candidate, Edgar Whitcomb the Republican, ran and won was taxes and crime. These were the issues he stressed and these were the issues which were generally conceded to be responsible for his election. So, I think these were the most crucial domestic issues.

In the field of foreign policy, I think the great unspoken issue concerns our general stance in the Cold War. We have been pursuing a policy of conciliation and accommodation toward the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc for a couple of decades now with a very poor record of performance as a result.

I think the American people are concerned about this, but the issue was not surfaced very effectively in the election. It seems to me that there is going to have to be a deep going reassessment of our policies in this field as well as in the domestic field if we are going to salvage our country from our foreign policy disaster and economic disaster at home.

East Out Of Touch

DEAN MANION: Geographically, where do you think the future of the Republican Party lies—east, south, west, in the cities, suburbia? Where, in other words, should Nixon look for his supporting base in 1972?

MR. EVANS: I think the election results speak very plainly on this. The future of the Republican Party in the east, at least as a national party, is almost nonexistent. I stated this in a book last year—"The Future Of Conservatism" (Holt, Rhinehart and Winston, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017 - \$5.95)—in which I stressed the fact that the Republican Party in the east is totally out of touch with what is happening in the rest of the country.

This was illustrated if you look at the electoral votes Nixon received. He was whitewashed in the east and then as the votes from the midwest, the south and west came in, he won the election. So, the east is just kind of out of touch, it seems to me, with what is happening elsewhere in the country.

Within the economic and sociological categories of suburbia and the central cities and rural areas it's quite clear that the essential Republican

vote is in the suburbs and in the smaller cities and not in the central cities. It is hopeless for the Republican Party to think that it is going to get votes in the central cities because it simply can't do it. It has not done it in this election and it seems very doubtful that it will be able to do it in the future.

But, the important political point is that the suburban vote and the vote in the smaller communities of 500 thousand or less is becoming the dominant vote in our elections. So, if the Republican Party can effectively appeal to the suburbanite—the home owner, the taxpayer, the pensioner who is tired of big government, tired of crime; tired of our foreign policy default, then it can become an effective majority party in the nation. It must unite the group that Nixon and Reagan and many other Republican spokesmen have called the "forgotten Americans" into a new majority in American politics. If it does this, it can become the dominant party for the next generation, in my opinion.

DEAN MANION: Ideologically, how much different will the 91st Congress be from the 90th? Will Nixon be able to work with the new Congress?

MR. EVANS: I think that on the analyses which I have seen of the rather slight changes which occurred in Congress as a result of this election that both the House and the Senate will be somewhat more Conservative than in the last session of Congress. There was a change, I guess, of a half-dozen or so Congressional seats and about the same number of Senate seats, with the net effect being in the direction of increased Conservatism.

If the Republicans—190-plus Republicans in the House and 40-odd Republicans in the Senate—if they get together and decide they are going to support sensible Conservative programs, with leadership from Mr. Nixon and with the cooperation of

some of the Conservative Democrats from the south, I think it will be possible for Nixon to get things through the Congress. The changes that occurred, both within the party and between the parties, suggest receptivity for changes in this direction.

Some of the more flamboyant liberals were voted out—Senator Joe Clark of Pennsylvania, for example, was defeated. Within the Republican Party you have new spokesmen like Senator-elect Gurney of Florida, Senator-elect Dole of Kansas, Senator-elect Bellman of Oklahoma—so that you have some spokesmen here for the Conservative position. There were also some added spokesmen for the liberal Republican position, so this isn't a clean sweep, by any means, but the net change is in the direction of greater Conservatism.

So, if, again, we really come down to a question of will and strategic thought on the part of the Republican Party—if the Republican approach is clear and comprehensible and based on the essentially Conservative position, which is traditional to the Republican Party, plus leadership from the White House, I believe that a great deal could be accomplished in the coming session of Congress.

DEAN MANION: Thank you, Stanton Evans, for this incisive interpretation of what happened at the polls last November 5.

Ladies and gentlemen, before the Liberals proceed to mangle the effect of this election, as they surely will, get this magnificent analysis into the hands of your Congressmen, to your local radio commentators and to your local newspapers. Above all, be sure that hundreds of these broadcasts are directed to President-elect Richard Nixon who, above all others, certainly needs to know who and what caused his nomination and election.



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MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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January 9, 1969

Dear Charlotte:

Pat and I warmly appreciate your invitation to your January 17 party for Helen and Jim Copley. We wish very much we could attend.

Unfortunately, I have found it necessary to remain in New York until the very eve of the Inauguration, so we will not be in Washington at the time of this happy event.

I do hope you will convey our warmest good wishes to Helen and Jim. It is my hope that we will have the pleasure of visiting with you soon after our formal move to the White House!

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon
President-Elect

Honorable Charlotte T. Reid
Apartment 1155
1200 North Nash Street
Arlington, Virginia



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHARLOTTE T. REID
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT
ILLINOIS

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December 12, 1968

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Nixon.

I am planning a small get together for Helen and Jim Copley, who will be in Washington for the Inauguration.

I certainly know how busy you are and hope you will not think it presumptuous of me to extend this invitation for cocktails and buffet at my apartment. However, if there is a chance that you could even stop by to say hello between the hours of 6 and 9 on the evening of January 17, Helen, Jim and I would be delighted.

Sincerely,
Charlotte

1200 N. Nash St.
Apartment 1155
Arlington, Virginia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.



The Honorable and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon
450 Park Avenue
New York, New York

WOOLLEY

January 2, 1969

Honorable Charlotte T. Reid
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Hope to see you soon..

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

R - xxx
Congrats
Harlow:pvb

December 11, 1968

Dear Charlotte:

Thank you for your letter of November 15 enclosing notes from Miss Connie Awe and Miss Kathy Kimball.

I enclose copies of my comments to your young constituents, and very much appreciate your forwarding their letters to me.

Also enclosed is a response to Miss Dorothy Ford who was kind enough to come to my defense over what she felt was unfair commenting by certain reporters.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Honorable Charlotte T. Reid
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

November 15, 1968

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
450 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. President:

It appears that you have many supporters among the young people in my Congressional District--and as requested by two of them I am forwarding herewith their letters addressed to you and which express their pleasure over your victory.

Also, I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by a good friend to WBBM T.V. in Chicago, as requested. I know you will be pleased to have someone coming to your defense!

With my very best wishes, as always.

Sincerely,



CTR/avi

Dear Mr. Nixon

I want to congratulate you on your victory of becoming President of the United States.

I am a sixth grade student in Hampshire grade school I would like to tell you what we did during the recent month in relation to the campaign.

First of all we got all the information about the three candidates as possible and put it on our bulletin board.

Then in October we took a vote to see how they voted. And you won.

On Nov. 5th we voted again to see if there was any changes. You won. I must say that I was very pleased when I learned that you had won.

Could you please send me your address in case I would like to write to you again.

Once again congratulation on your victory.

Yours Truly

~~Ms~~ I would like to have a picture of you to keep in our house and picture of you and your family

Connie Awe

Charlotte T. Reid
M. C.

Kathy is 8 years old and in the third
grade

ILLINOIS.



November

8, 1968

Dear Mr. Nixon,
I am glad you have
become President. I
know you will make
a good President. I was
hoping you would
win! In the paper I
cut out the picture of
you and your nice
family. I listened to
you on T. V. I wish
you good luck in
your new job.

Your Little Friend,
Kathy Kimball

1827 First St.

Peru, Ill. 61354

November 11, 1968

Channel 2
WBBM T.V. - C.B.S.
630 North McClurg Court
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Gentlemen:

I would like to comment on the program "Campaign '68, What Happened Last Night" which was aired Wednesday night, November 6th, at 9:00 PM CST.

I have never seen such partisanship on the part of commentators. None of the men who took part smiled even once during the hour show. Neither did any of them have one good thing to say about President-Elect Nixon. In fact one of them at one time said "These are negative thoughts, but" The whole program consisted of nothing but negative thoughts. They all sounded as if there was no hope at all for our country.

It has always been my impression that commentators should not be prejudiced, or at least not make it as evident as these men did. Even if Mr. Nixon was not their candidate, he is going to be their next president and they could have shown him some respect. At one time Dan Rather did say "Even if he won by one vote at least he did win". The rest of them sounded as if it was so close that he really should not have accepted the office.

While millions of us were rejoicing over the fact that we are going to have this wonderful change, these men who give us the news were painting a very black picture by their pessimistic remarks.

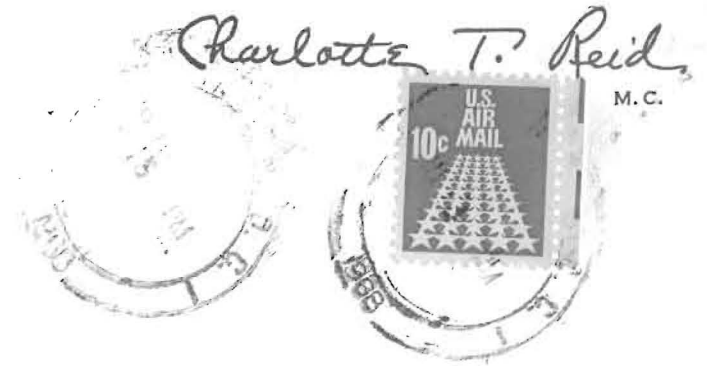
Very truly yours,

Dorothy Ford

Miss Dorothy Ford
430 Fifth Street
Aurora, Illinois 60505

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
450 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

December 8, 1968

Honorable Charlotte T. Reid
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Charlotte:

Thanks so much for your good letter of November 26 enclosing a card from your constituent, Mrs. O. H. Fischer and a request for Mr. Nixon's autograph.

I am sure the President-Elect will be happy to oblige at the first practical opportunity.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kmb

bcc: Rose Mary Woods

Telefax

WESTERN UNION

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HONORABLE RICHARD NIXON

NIXON FOR PRESIDENT HDQRS

450 PARK AVE

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT - AS I STATED AT OUR INITIAL KEY ISSUES
COMMITTEE MEETING THIS WAS THE APPROPRIATE TITLE THEN AS IT
IS NOW.

I AM SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF OUR GREAT REPUBLICAN TICKET
AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A RESOUNDING VICTORY X MY BEST WISHES
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
CHARLOTTE REID (225). 416P

December 9, 1968

Honorable Ogden R. Reid
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Brownie:

Thank you very much for your nice letter of November 19 and the enclosed communication from John F. Shaw.

I appreciate your bringing this correspondence to my attention. In light of the sensitive situation in our national relations with Japan I shall bring this matter before the attention of the President-Elect at the first opportunity. Obviously, the new Administration will have to establish a clear policy regarding this and other trade questions in order to balance the interests of American industry with the necessity of assuring harmonious relations with our allies.

I look forward with a great deal of optimism to reverting to the White House and know that there will be many occasions when we will work together for good causes during the 91st Congress.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kmb

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THE HONORABLE RICHARD M NIXON

KEY BISCAYNE FLO

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION IF WE CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IN THE DAYS AHEAD PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ON US OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU PAT AND FAMILY

MARY LOUISE AND OGDEN REID

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RICHARD NIXON

810 FIFTH AVE NYK 2

MARY LOUISE JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU PAT AND THE COUNTRY A RESOUNDING VICTORY TODAY WITH WARM REGARDS

OGDEN L REID.

SF1201(R2-65)

January 17, 1969

Honorable Ben Reifel
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Reifel:

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Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant

WET:kmb

bcc: ^{Hickel}~~Peter Flanigan~~

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

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WOOLLEY

January 8, 1969

Honorable Ed Reinecke
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Ed:

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With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

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ED REINECKE
(RINE-A-KEY)
27TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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House of Representatives
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December 18, 1968

12-46
Mr. Bryce Harlow
Office of the President-elect
Pierre Hotel
61st Street & 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. *Bryce* Harlow:

A friend of mine, Jack Woolley, advises me that he is being considered for a Congressional liaison position in the White House or other executive department. I hasten to submit my unreserved endorsement of Mr. Woolley's application.

Mr. Woolley's background as a Congressional liaison with TRW Systems; his years of loyal and effective participation in Republican political affairs; and, his experience in the Eisenhower Administration --- combine to qualify him most highly for the type of position that he is seeking.

I believe he would be a definite asset to the Nixon Administration, and hope that he will be favorably considered for appointment.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



ED REINECKE
Member of Congress

ER/es

Really an exceptionally fine man

Ed

WOOLLEY

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January 6, 1969

Honorable Ed Reinecke
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Ed:

I hope you have not concluded that I have simply ignored your excellent letter of December 16 in which you comment most helpfully on oceanography and the merchant marine.

This is to assure you that this information is in the program developers' hands, and that your efforts are deeply appreciated.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

bcc: Dr. Martin Anderson

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Edwin Reinecke
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Assistant to the
President-Elect

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January 3, 1969

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Honorable Joseph Y. Resnick
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Resnick:

Thanks very much for your December 11 letter recommending Charles Aronowitz for a top-flight position in the new Administration.

I have disbursed the materials which you enclosed to those directly involved, and, hopefully, something can be worked out.

We warmly appreciate your continued interest in helping us to staff the new Administration.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Henry S. Reuss
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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December 15, 1968

Honorable Henry S. Reuss
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Henry:

I do hope you have not concluded that your suggestion to the President-Elect that a cooperative relationship be established between the Nixon Administration and groupings within the Democratic-controlled Congress has gone unnoted. It obviously warrants thoughtful attention and I hope to discuss the matter with you on my return to Washington.

To be sure, one of your suggestions -- a coalition Cabinet -- has been passed-by by subsequent events, but it appears to me that other aspects of your analysis hold great potential. I am eager to discuss these with you.

So I do hope we can get together soon after I return from these transition offices in New York.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

HENRY S. REUSS
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DONALD L. ROBINSON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

November 8, 1968

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Key Biscayne, Florida

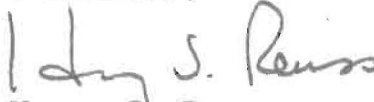
Dear Mr. Nixon:

Congratulations on your victory in the
Presidential election, and welcome back to
Washington.

I thought you might be interested in
seeing the enclosed speech, which I will give
Sunday, because it deals with what may be the
central problem of your new administration --
your relationship with the 91st Congress.

I would welcome any comments or suggestions
you or your staff may care to make.

Sincerely,


Henry S. Reuss
Member of Congress

Enclosure

FROM THE OFFICE OF:
CONGRESSMAN HENRY S. REUSS
2159 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515
Area Code: 202-225-3571

FOR RELEASE:
3 P.M., Sunday
November 10, 1968

REP. REUSS CALLS FOR GRAND COALITION TO
MEET VIETNAM, RACE CRISES OF DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

Remarks of Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.)
before the Bank Management Conference
at Arden House, Arden, N.Y., at 3 P.M.,
Sunday, November 10, 1968

The United States has a weak and divided government at the very time in its history when it needs a strong and united government. A Republican President with the narrowest of electoral and popular margins faces a Democratic Congress. Not since Zachary Taylor in 1848 has an incoming President confronted a Congress controlled by the other party.

The two transcendent issues that confront us -- Vietnam abroad and race at home -- cannot be solved by traditional partisan politics. If the people are encouraged to think with their blood rather than their heads about these issues, they will not be solved.

If nature is allowed to take its course, the danger that lies ahead of us is not just that of demagogic attacks by one branch of government on another. The danger is also that of an impasse in effective government. A Republican-Southern Democratic conservative coalition in Congress can prevent anything like adequate funding of programs now on the books in education, health, housing, economic opportunity, and environmental control. On other issues, we are likely to see a Democratic Congress throwing out President Nixon's pet proposals, and President Nixon vetoing the pet proposals of the Democratic Congress -- with the result that nothing gets done!

Some Democrats may argue that the failure of a Nixon Administration will lead to sure Democratic success in 1970 and 1972. I say: What good is party success if the nation is on the verge of collapse?

Another Western democracy was recently confronted with the prospect of weak and divided government at a time when unity was needed. After the passing of Chancellor Adenauer, the Federal Republic of Germany faced the staggering problems of how to unfreeze its policy toward Middle Europe and how to restore the vital center of German political life so as to stem the rise of the Neo-Nazi parties. A government in which the two great parties -- the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats -- played one-upmanship against each other would not be equal to the task. And so the Grand Coalition of Kiesinger's Christian Democrats and Brandt's

Social Democrats was formed. While it soon may outlive its purpose, it has so far succeeded -- it has opened windows to the East, and it has arrested the rise of Neo-Nazism. The things that brought the two great parties together were more important than the things that seemed to divide them.

In the United States on November 5, the Republican and Democratic parties gained about five-sixths of the vote. Despite heated campaigns, it is quite apparent that the goals of both parties -- domestic and foreign -- are not far apart. Thus, it is time to consider whether, during the period immediately ahead American politics will not be best served by an American Grand Coalition designed to vanquish the twin problems of Vietnam and race.

I have discussed the possibility of a Grand Coalition with a number of my Democratic colleagues in the Senate and House. I believe that a Grand Coalition along the following lines, if it could be worked out, might contribute to our salvation:

1. Let the Democrats in the Congress, and particularly in the House, organize themselves through caucuses in each body, and through some bridge or consortium between the two caucuses, so that they can speak to the Republican Administration democratically (with both a small and capital D) and with one voice.

2. Let the representatives of the Democratic Senate-House consortium consult with President-elect Nixon concerning the selection of the new Cabinet, with a real effort made to secure representation satisfactory to both parties, as was done in wartime Great Britain and in Germany under the present coalition.

3. Let the representatives of the Democratic Senate-House consortium consult with the President on a regular basis concerning his legislative program, and its appropriations and implementation. The Grand Coalition would command a real working Congressional majority of as many as 350 votes in the House (200 out of 243 Democrats, 150 out of 192 Republicans), and an equally decisive majority in the Senate.

4. Let the Congressional Democrats who join the coalition treat the recommendations of a Grand Coalition Administration with as much sympathy as they would have treated recommendations of their own administration: not to rubber-stamp proposals, but to give them their honest and constructive consideration. Since the Grand Coalition would apply to all matters, foreign and domestic, and since it would be formalized, it would differ markedly from the informal foreign policy bi-partisanship of the late Senator Vandenburg.

5. Let the Grand Coalition be terminated by the will of either party, and in any event let it automatically lapse, subject to agreed renewal, by the 1970 and 1972 elections.

Such, I believe, are the outlines of a Grand Coalition unprecedented in modern American political history. If President Nixon is interested, I am confident that a great number of Congressional Democrats in the Senate and the House are ready to try to work it out.

It is not too early to take the first step now.

January 17, 1969

Honorable John Rhodes
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant

WET:kmb

bcc:  Peter Flanigan

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January 4, 1969

Honorable John J. Rhodes
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter of December 27 forwarding the views of John Stevens with regard to the possible appointment of Judge Henry J. Friendly to the Supreme Court at some future time.

I will be only too happy to call these comments to the President-Elect's attention.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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January 12, 1969

Honorable John J. Rhodes
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your ringing endorsement of Mr. Robert Bauman. Your letter of December 18, 1968 is an impressive salute, and it will be very influential in all considerations.

I warmly appreciate your letting me know of your strong backing for Mr. Bauman. Your salute to him means a great deal.

Cordially,

Bryce N. Harlow
— Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kmb

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

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BNH:kb

December 8, 1968

The Honorable
John J. Rhodes
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Thank you for your December 2 letter
and enclosed copy of a letter from Mr.
Paul Plath.

I am referring your letter, along with
Mr. Plath's, to those working with Mr. Nixon
in the area of personnel development. I
know that Mr. Plath will receive every care-
ful consideration.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

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December 3, 1968

Honorable John J. Rhodes
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear John:

This will confirm our previous telephone notification of a meeting of President-Elect Nixon with the Republican Legislative Leaders on Monday, December 16, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room, 7th floor, Federal Building (corner of 17th and H Streets, N. W. -- entrance, 17th Street).

You will be met at the elevator on the 7th floor and shown to the conference room to avoid delays.

Your suggestions regarding agenda items for this first Leadership Meeting will be welcomed.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

November 27, 1968

Honorable John J. Rhodes, MC
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

For the next several weeks President-Elect Nixon will be firming up programs to be proposed to Congress by the new Republican Administration.

Mr. Nixon is much aware of your long Congressional experience as Chairman of the Policy Committee. He is very hopeful that you will offer suggestions for inclusion in the program of the new Administration and that your recommendations can be made available by mid-December. If you would supply these suggestions to me, I will see that they receive the priority attention that the President-Elect has directed.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Ribicoff:

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Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

January 13, 1969
(dictated January 12)

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Don:

I showed Mr. Nixon your December 20 letter when I was in New York the day before yesterday, and he asked me to thank you very sincerely for your good wishes, your compliments on the Cabinet appointments and your assurances of assistance to the new Administration.

Certainly all of us look forward to working closely with you in the new Congress.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.
MICHIGAN, 7TH DISTRICT

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LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PHONE: 225-3611 (202)

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425 DETROIT STREET
FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502
PHONE: 239-5705 (313)

DEC 31 1968

Riegle

December 20th 1968

My Dear Mr. President-Elect:

I want to thank you for your congratulatory letter on my re-election to the House of Representatives. It was kind of you to take time to write during the critical period of the transfer of government responsibility to a new administration.

I was pleased with your recent Cabinet appointments. From everything that I have read and heard, it is going to be an effective team. I am looking forward to working with them in the Appropriations Committee and on the House floor.

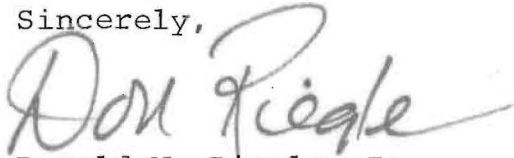
~~If at any time you feel that I may be of help to this group, or to your office, on a special commission or task force, I would be happy to participate.~~ I know, on several occasions in the past, we have talked about many of the critical issues that face our country, and the need to organize our best people in government and industry to help resolve them. I continue to be personally committed to this philosophy and am always ready to assist in any way that you feel will contribute to the success of the Nixon Administration.

President-Elect Richard M. Nixon
December 20th 1968
Page 2

I look forward to working with you during the next four years and, I am sure, as you stated in your letter, it will be four years of a productive, executive-congressional relationship. I know I will be working on your behalf to achieve that goal and to assure your own re-election in 1972.

Nancy joins me in wishing you, Pat and your family, a healthy and fulfilling holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Don Riegle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

President-Elect Richard M. Nixon
450 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

DWR:kes

January 9, 1969

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Don:

Thanks very much for your December 31 letter and enclosed summary of your study on the Vietnam War.

I appreciate having this material and am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy to those individuals who, during this transition period, are responsible to the President-Elect for coordinating recommendations from Task Forces, Members of Congress, the Cabinet-Designate, and interested experts for new Administration programs. They will be grateful for your observations on de-Americanizing the war just as I am.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:da

bcc: Dr. Henry Kissinger
Goodpasture

A handwritten signature, possibly "Bryce N. Harlow", is written in dark ink. The signature is somewhat stylized and appears to be written over a faint, possibly stamped, name.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.

December 31, 1968

JAN 4 1968

Dear Bryce:

Within the past year, I have spent a considerable amount of time working on the Vietnam problem. Some of the results of this work have appeared from time to time in the Congressional Record and in the Hearings of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. Since this is one of the most crucial issues to be faced by the Nixon Administration in 1969, I thought you might be interested in seeing a summary of this work.

This material has been prepared for a book, soon to be published on Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Assistant to the President-Elect
Transition headquarters
Federal Building No. 7
17th and H Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

FULLER

January 8, 1969

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Don:

Mr. Nixon asked me to thank you for your December 12 letter recommending Associate Dean Stephen H. Fuller as United States Ambassador to the Philippines. I well recall our discussion about this at the Pierre.

We warmly appreciate your excellent commentary and detailed background information, and I will certainly see that those directly involved with Mr. Nixon in such a selection receive this material posthaste.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

bcc: Peter Flanigan

December 30, 1968

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Don:

Thanks very much for your December 19
letter recommending Stanley N. Olmen for
Government Printer.

I'm pleased to know of your commendation
and will certainly try to work something out
so that Stanley Olmen can participate in the
new Administration. Your enthusiastic salute
means a great deal.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BCC: Peter Flanagan w/ ref of letter

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Don:

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Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

December 19, 1968

Flanigan

Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Don:

You are a thorough fellow, diligent and persevering; I'm pleased to have your December 13 letter with Mr. Fuller's resume; since you have already placed it in the hands of all my Betters in this Establishment, I can say only that I will insure your endorsement is carefully added to the deliberations. Frankly, I think with your salute and his impressive credentials, he will receive active consideration.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:ph

December 6, 1968

Hon. Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Don:

Thank you for your good letter of December 4 and enclosed lists of the 8-66 Club members.

I enjoyed our recent chat regarding matters of mutual interest and want to assure you that we will have many other occasions to get together.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:eo

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.
MICHIGAN, 7TH DISTRICT

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
ROOM 1408
LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PHONE: 225-3811 (202)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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425 DETROIT STREET
FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502
PHONE: 239-5705 (313)

December 4, 1968

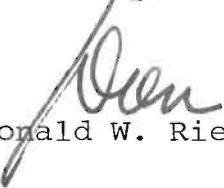
Dear Bryce:

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us a few minutes the other day. We appreciated the chance to exchange those thoughts.

Here are the lists of the 8-66 Club members and their committee assignments and a list of the 90th Club members.

We stand ready to assist you in any way you may wish.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Special Assistant to the
President elect
450 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Encls.

8-66 CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (1968)

* Please note carefully -- 6 Members are serving on 2 Committees.

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>PHONE:</u>	<u>ROOM:</u>
Biester, Edward G., Jr. (Pa.) JUDICIARY	4276	1717
Brown, Garry (Michigan) BANKING & CURRENCY	5011	1506
Bush, George (Texas) WAYS & MEANS	2571	1608
* Cowger, William O. (Ky.) GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HOUSE ADMINISTRATION	5401	1237
* Hammerschmidt, John Paul (Ark.) PUBLIC WORKS VETERANS AFFAIRS	4301	1640
* Heckler, Margaret M. (Mass.) GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS VETERANS AFFAIRS	4335	1431
Kuykendall, Dan (Tenn.) INTERSTATE & FOREIGN COMMERCE	3265	1519
McCloskey, Paul N., Jr. (Calif.) GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	5411	1719
Mathias, Robert B. (Bob) (Calif.) AGRICULTURE	3341	1008
Pettis, Jerry L. (Calif.) SCIENCE & ASTRONAUTICS	5861	1517
* Pollock, Howard W. (Alaska) INTERIOR & INSULAR AFFAIRS MERCHANT MARINE & FISHERIES	5765	1507
Riegle, Donald W., Jr. (Michigan) APPROPRIATIONS	3611	1408
* Roth, William V. (Del.) JUDICIARY MERCHANT MARINE & FISHERIES	4165	1628
Steiger, Wm. A. (Wis.) EDUCATION & LABOR	2476	1038
* Thompson, Fletcher (Ga.) GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS POST OFFICE & CIVIL SERVICE	3801	1641
Whalen, Charles W., Jr. (Ohio) ARMED SERVICES	6465	1428

90TH CLUB MEMBERS

EDWARD BIESTER (PENNA.)	_____	BOB MATHIAS (CALIF.)	_____
BEN BLACKBURN (GA.)	_____	WILEY MAYNE (IOWA)	_____
DONALD BROTZMAN (COLO.)	_____	JAMES MC CLURE (IDAHO)	_____
GARRY BROWN (MICH.)	_____	JACK MC DONALD (MICH.)	_____
HERBERT BURKE (FLA.)	_____	THOMAS MESKILL (CONN.)	_____
GEORGE BUSH (TEX.)	_____	CLARENCE MILLER (OHIO)	_____
DANIEL BUTTON (N.Y.)	_____	JOHN MYERS (IND.)	_____
WILLIAM COWGER (KY.)	_____	JERRY PETTIS (CALIF.)	_____
JOHN DELLENBACK (OREG.)	_____	HOWARD POLLOCK (ALASKA)	_____
ROBERT DENNEY (NEBR.)	_____	BOB PRICE (TEX.)	_____
MARVIN ESCH (MICH.)	_____	TOM RAILSBACK (ILL.)	_____
EDWIN ESHLEMAN (PENNA.)	_____	DON RIEGLE (MICH.)	_____
JAMES C. GARDNER (N.C.)	_____	WILLIAM ROTH (DEL.)	_____
GEORGE GOODLING (PENNA.)	_____	PHILIP RUPPE (MICH.)	_____
GILBERT GUDE (MD.)	_____	CHARLES SANDMAN (N.J.)	_____
JOHN HAMMERSCHMIDT (ARK.)	_____	WILLIAM SCHERLE (IOWA)	_____
WILLIAM HARRISON (WYO.)	_____	FRED SCHWENGEL (IOWA)	_____
MARGARET HECKLER (MASS.)	_____	WILLIAM SCOTT (VA.)	_____
JOHN HUNT (N.J.)	_____	JAMES SMITH (OKLA.)	_____
THOMAS KLEPPE (N.D.)	_____	SAM STEIGER (ARIZ.)	_____
DAN KUYKENDALL (TENN.)	_____	WILLIAM STEIGER (WISC.)	_____
JOHN KYL (IOWA)	_____	ROBERT TAFT (OHIO)	_____
SHERMAN LLOYD (UTAH)	_____	FLETCHER THOMPSON (GA.)	_____
DONALD LUKENS (OHIO)	_____	GUY VANDER JAGT (MICH.)	_____

WILLIAM WAMPLER (VA.) _____
CHARLES WHALEN (OHIO) _____
CHARLES WIGGINS (CALIF.) _____
LAWRENCE WILLIAMS (PENNA.) _____
LARRY WINN (KANS.) _____

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT ELECT:

NANCY AND I SAVOR THE WARM GLOW OF YOUR VICTORY. THE SETBACKS OF 60 AND 62 ARE REPAID 1000 FOLD. MY STAFF AND I STAND IMMEDIATELY READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE - NOW AND LATER. I AM CONFIDENT THAT AMERICA WILL RESPOND TO YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

A NOTE ON OUR ELECTION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 40 YEARS, A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE HAS CARRIED GENESEE COUNTY (90 PERCENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT) IN A PRESIDENTIAL YEAR. WE POLLED 60 PER CENT OF THE VOTE DISTRICT WIDE, WINNING BY OVER 34,000 VOTES. WHILE OUR TICKET WAS GENERALLY SWAMPED IN

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THE CITY OF FLINT, DEMOCRATIC CROSS-OVERS ENABLED US TO CARRY THE CITY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RACE BY 3,500 VOTES. WE CARRIED WELL OVER HALF OF THE UAW-CIO VOTE.

WE SAVED OUR LAST BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE UNTIL THE ILLINOIS RETURNS WERE DECISIVE - HOW SWEET IT WAS.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

"THE HAPPY WARRIORS" DON AND NANCY RIEGLE

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January 11, 1969

LAIRD

Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mendel:

Thanks very much for your January 7 letter. I am delighted to know of your enthusiastic recommendation of David Williamson for the position of Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Certainly, your warm personal salute will weigh heavily in a selection of an individual for this post, and we appreciate your deep interest in finding the most qualified person for the spot.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH/sr

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Washington, D.C.

January 7, 1969

L. MENDEL RIVERS, SOUTH CAROLINA
CHAIRMAN

JAN 10 1968

The Honorable Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President-Elect
Federal Building No. 7
17th and H Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bryce:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have today written to Mel Laird in behalf of Mr. David S. Williamson of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. As you can see, Mr. Williamson is very anxious to be appointed Under Secretary of the Navy or Assistant Secretary of the Navy. I would appreciate anything you might be able to do in this regard.

Sincerely,


L. MENDEL RIVERS
Chairman

LMR:mwh
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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Washington, D.C.

January 7, 1969

L. MENDEL RIVERS, SOUTH CAROLINA
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird
Secretary of Defense Designate
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mr. David S. Williamson
Sea Pines Plantation
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Dear Mel:

I am writing in behalf of the above-named man who is very interested in the positions of Under Secretary of the Navy or Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Williamson comes to me highly recommended by Senator Thurmond and the entire governmental structure of Beaufort County, South Carolina, where he resides. He has a wealth of experience as you can see from the information on the enclosed resume. He not only worked with former Secretary Tom Gates but he has had other government experience. I am sure his appointment would be of great benefit to the Department of Defense as well as the Navy Department.

I sincerely trust that you can find a way to consider Mr. Williamson.

Sincerely,


L. MENDEL RIVERS
Chairman

LMR:mwh
S-r

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DAVID S. WILLIAMSON
Sea Pines Plantation
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
803 785-3578

PERSONAL DATA:

Age - 46
Married - 1 Daughter, Age 18
Residency - Beaufort County, past 6 years

EDUCATION:

College of William and Mary
U. S. Naval Flight School
U. S. Naval War College
Industrial College of the Armed Forces

MILITARY

1942 - Present:

United States Navy - Active Duty 1942-56;
Enlisted through Rank of Commander

Inactive Duty 1956-present; Rank of
Captain, USNR since 1963

Designated Naval Aviator 1943; 3 tours
of Combat Duty - European and Pacific
Theatres

Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross
British Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal (4 Stars)
Navy Unit Commendation
Various Theatre and Service Ribbons

CIVIL SERVICE

1956 - 1961:

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary
of the Navy for Air (Garrison Horton) -
Grade 16

Special Assistant to the Secretary of the
Navy (Thomas S. Gates) - Grade 16

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Plans,
Federal Aviation Agency (James T. Fyle,
Deputy Administrator) - Grade 16

PRIVATE INDUSTRY

1961 - 1964:

Alaska Airlines, Inc. - Corporate Secretary
Servo Corporation of America - Assistant
to the Vice President

Maintained Washington office concurrently
for both corporations handling Congressional,
Regulatory Agencies and Government liaison
efforts; also international sales for Servo.

Reported directly to Charles F. Willis,
President of Alaska Airlines Inc. and
Eric Thels, Senior Vice President of
Servo Corporation of America.

1964 - Present:

President of Fort Royal Plantation Inc.
(Owners of Fort Royal Sheraton Inn, Fort
Royal Plantation Golf Club and Fort Royal
Rental Agency.)

Director: Fort Royal Plantation Inc.,
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Eggud Electronics, Inc.

Massapeque Park, New York

Magic Band of Seattle, Inc.

Seattle, Washington

December 30, 1968

Honorable L. Mendel Rivers
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mendel:

Thanks very much for your December 14 letter recommending Harry M. Lofton for Ambassador to Equador.

I'm pleased to know of your commendation and will certainly try to work something out so that Mr. Lofton can participate in the new Administration. Your enthusiastic salute means a great deal.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

Bcc: Peter Flanagan with copy letter

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable L. Mendel Rivers
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mendel:

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Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

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PRESIDENT ELECT RICHARD M NIXON (DLY75)
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL NEW YORK NY

telephoned By R.N.J.
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THE ENTIRE NATION WISHES YOU WELL AS YOU PREPARE TO ENTER UPON THE MOST GIGANTIC RESPONSIBILITY EVER UNDERTAKEN BY A SINGLE HUMAN BEING. I KNOW YOU FULLY REALIZE THAT THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION MUST OF NECESSITY BE YOUR PARAMOUNT CONCERN. I OFFER YOU MY FULL AND COMPLETE SUPPORT IN ALL OF YOUR ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POSTURE. WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I SINCERELY HOPE YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THE ROAD TOGETHER.

L MENDEL RIVERS, CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Ray Roberts
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Howard W. Robison
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Robison:

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Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kb

December 13, 1968

Honorable Howard W. Robison
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Howard:

Thanks very much for your December 2 letter introducing Dr. Roger Morse's proposals to us.

The new Administration will, of course, be working to develop a highly constructive, vigorous and bold approach to the sciences, and Dr. Morse's thoughts are very much appreciated. I will certainly refer his name and offer of help to the new Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. David Hardin. I appreciate your sharing Dr. Morse's summary with me.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BNH:kmb

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 18, 1968

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Dear Mr. President Elect:

I am deeply grateful for your congratulatory note of December 5. My response has been delayed because of my Appropriations Committee trip from which I just returned.

It goes without saying that I was thrilled by your victory. Along with millions of other Americans, I kept the night watch. It was a brilliant move to have some of "our" election districts in Illinois ready to withhold their results until Cook County had completely reported.

I certainly look forward to cooperation with you and your fine Presidential staff and cabinet members.

Trudy joins me in expressing our high regard, our best wishes of the Season and our sincere good wishes to Julie on her forthcoming nuptials.

Sincerely,

Howard Rosten

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President Elect of the United States
450 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

House of Representatives, U.S.

December 6, 1968

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Bryce N. Harlow

The attached refers to a
subject in which you are in-
terested, and is, therefore,
referred for your information.

Yours very truly

Harlow Rosen

HOWARD W. ROBISON
33D DISTRICT, NEW YORK

HOME ADDRESS:
OWEGO, N.Y.

DISTRICT OFFICE:
302 FEDERAL BUILDING
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES ON:
PUBLIC WORKS
TREASURY, POST OFFICE
AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JOHN T. CALKINS
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

December 6, 1968

The Honorable Harry Flemming
Office of the President-Elect
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Flemming:

In accordance with Mr. Harlow's recent telegram requesting recommendations for the new Administration, I wish to very strongly propose that Mr. Matthew J. Harvey be appointed as Director of Congressional Liaison of the Agency for International Development in the Department of State.

Mr. Harvey is currently serving as a Congressional Liaison Officer for AID, having been appointed in 1962 with the primary responsibility of maintaining liaison with Republican Senators and Members of Congress and, of course, the committees of the Congress having jurisdiction in foreign affairs. Thus he is extremely knowledgeable about the problems of AID and its relations with Capitol Hill. I am sure his appointment would meet with great approval here on the Hill from both Republicans and Democrats.

Mr. Harvey is an extremely capable liaison man. In fact, in my years here on the Hill, he is probably the most helpful and effective liaison person I have encountered. Thus I feel he could head the AID liaison operation with great distinction, and to the resulting benefit of the Nixon Administration's relations with the Congress.

Mr. Harvey's past employment record includes service as an Administrative Assistant to Representative William S. Mailliard of California for six years, and Administrative Assistant to Representative Leroy Johnson of California, now deceased. In addition, he was a Professional Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business, under the patronage of Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Harvard, and took graduate

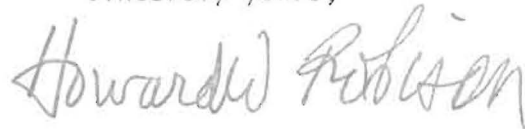
The Honorable Harry Flemming
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work at Boston University. He will be 44 years of age this coming week, is married, and resides with his wife and two children at 12604 Aintree Court, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Mr. Harvey's promotion to Director of Congressional Liaison would be one of the easier appointments that the Nixon Administration could make, since he is already very knowledgeable about the position, and has all the necessary background and security clearances. I strongly hope the new Administration will select him for this post.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard W. Robison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Howard W. Robison
Member of Congress

HWR:jcp

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rodino:

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Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Byron G. Rogers
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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December 9, 1968

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of November 18 calling my attention to the upcoming report to President Johnson of the Committee on Marine Science and Engineering. I look forward to reviewing the recommendations of this Committee.

I, too, recognize the potential for accomplishment in the field of oceanography and have pledged that it will receive high priority in the new Administration. In case you missed seeing these, I enclose copies of statements Vice President-Elect Agnew and I made on the subject in the recent campaign.

I look forward to working closely with you during the 91st Congress on matters of mutual interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Honorable Paul G. Rogers
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

PAUL G. ROGERS
FLORIDA
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HOME ADDRESS
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ROBERT B. LOCHRIE, JR.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
P. O. Box 1151
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 18, 1968

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Office of the President-Elect
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

As you begin the task of organizing a new administration, there is one area of national concern which I hope you will place high on your list of priorities - oceanography.

As you are aware, our nation's involvement in oceanography is relatively new. We have just recently begun to develop the resources required to gain economic benefit from the seas.

On January 9th, the Commission on Marine Science and Engineering will issue its report to the Congress which is expected to blueprint our needs, goals and present and required capabilities. After two years of work, this report will be the single most important document in the field of oceanography to date. Your early consideration of its contents and appropriate modification and implementation by your administration will be most important.

Economic benefits and defense requirements point to the importance of oceanography in the years ahead. Our oceanographic program will help insure the future economic and defense posture of the United States, and your active interest and support will insure a strong and vital position for the nation.

Honorable Richard M. Nixon

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November 18, 1968

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. G. Rogers".

PAUL G. ROGERS, M.C.

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PRESIDENT ELECT OF UNITED STATES KEY BISCAYNE MIAMI FLO
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION. YOU WILL HAVE THE COOPERATION
OF ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN REUNITING THE COUNTRY. SINCERE BEST
WISHES

CONGRESSMAN AND MRS PAUL G ROGERS
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Daniel J. Ronan
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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January 17, 1969

Honorable Fred B. Rooney
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rooney:

The President-Elect appreciated your letter of January 9 recommending Mr. John P. Aellen, Jr. for a position as Chief Coordinator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Mr. Aellen sounds like a remarkable individual and deserving of the position you mention.

I am forwarding your letter and Mr. Aellen's resume to the individuals responsible to the President-Elect in the staffing of the new Administration. I appreciate your bringing Mr. Aellen to our attention and am hoping for the best.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant

WET:kmb

December 30, 1968

Honorable Fred B. Rooney
Member of Congress
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Thanks very much for your December 17
letter recommending the Berman family for
position in government.

I'm pleased to know of your commendations
and will certainly try to work something out so
that the Berman family can participate in the
new Administration. Your enthusiastic salute
means a great deal.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the
President-Elect

BCC: Harry Fleming with copy letter

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 30, 1968

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Honorable Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President-Elect
Transition Headquarters
Federal Building #7
Corner of 17th & H Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bryce:

Upon my return to the office after an official trip abroad, I found your letter of December 24th, with regard to the availability of your staff for assistance during the transition period.

I appreciate hearing from you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Joey

JJR:mam

December 9, 1968

Dear John:

Due to the mass of mail which swamped my office after election, this is the first opportunity I have had to extend my thanks to you for your congratulatory wire. I deeply appreciate the sentiment of your telegram.

I look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the next four years. I am confident that, once we get to Washington, we shall be able to set up a productive and efficient Executive-Congressional team, with the result that all of us want: good government for our country.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Honorable John J. Rooney
Member of Congress
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT ELECT:

YOU HAVE MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR VICTORY
AT THE POLLS ON TUESDAY AND I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND GREAT
SUCCESS IN YOUR TERM OF OFFICE SINCERELY

CONGRESSMAN JOHN J ROONEY

(555).



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Honorable Benjamin S. Rosenthal
United States House of Representatives
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December 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

I have been long conversant with the efforts to establish various major groupings to represent consumers on the national level, such as the new executive department which you propose, a statutory body in the President's office, joint and separate consumer committees in Congress, and others. Your thoughtful and informative letter is a useful addition to my thinking into this area.

My expectation is to have an exhaustive examination of executive branch involvements and organizations of all kinds, ranging freely and of course including the problems you discuss. It is too early to predict the outcome of these studies, but I do appreciate your important contribution. It will be kept actively in my mind as our broader effort proceeds.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Honorable Benjamin S. Rosenthal
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1968

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The President-Elect
Hotel Pierre
5th Avenue and 61st Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Special Inquiry on Consumer Representation of the House Committee on Government Operations. For the past two years, it has been our responsibility to study the effectiveness of those federal programs, practices, and procedures designed to protect America's 200 million consumers. I am convinced that the federal consumer protection mechanism as a whole is not nearly as efficient or as effective as it could be.

My purpose in writing to you is to express at an early date what I believe to be the majority view of the Congress: that the consumer interest must be protected and the existing federal programs which advance that interest must be strengthened under your administration. It is my personal belief that efforts to improve the quality of consumer protection at the federal level must be directed, in the main, to the structural and organizational deficiencies in the existing consumer protection apparatus. If a sense of direction is to be brought to the many consumer programs of the federal government, if meaningful coordination is to be achieved so that program duplications and gaps can be eliminated, a greater degree of central control must be established.

Without minimizing the enormous strides made in the field of consumer affairs during the last eight years, I can think of no area of federal concern more deserving of or ripe for organizational reform than that of consumer protection and representation.

In 1962, President Kennedy sent to the Congress the first special message devoted to the consumer interest. In it he recognized the importance of broadening the long-established role of the federal government in promoting that interest. In the

same spirit, President Johnson observed that "for far too long, the consumer has had too little voice and too little weight in government" and he acknowledged that "a new and progressive program is needed if we are to protect the American consumer's rights in the marketplace".

Most Members of Congress, recognizing the moral correctness and economic good sense of serving the consumer cause, have made an equally strong commitment to justice in the marketplace.

In my view, it is now commonly accepted and widely understood that:

(1) Our competitive free enterprise economy works best when consumers are knowledgeable about goods and services offered in the marketplace; but consumers today are faced with an almost endless array of complex and exotic goods and are subject to advertising campaigns frequently concerned less with information than entertainment and directed more to exploiting a consumer's gullibility than a product's good qualities.

(2) Protecting the interests of consumers is as legitimate and essential a function of government as protecting the interests of other groups in our society such as businessmen, workers, farmers - all of whom are represented in Washington by cabinet-level departments and powerful trade associations. Consumers have neither the voice nor the power to do their bidding in the centers of political power.

It is my view that efficient organization and structure precede effective policy. During the last eight years Congress has enacted a patchwork of important consumer laws but without serious consideration of how these laws, in toto, should be administered or by whom. There are, at present, some 33 federal departments and agencies carrying on approximately 256 consumer-related activities. I would like to suggest that the mere existence of 33 separate departments and agencies exercising major consumer protection responsibilities is prima facie cause to doubt the efficiency of such a structuring.

While a Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs or a Committee on Consumer Interests with a small staff and limited resources can focus public attention on the general consumer plight, only a statutory agency with specific grants of legislative authority can assure the consumer first class citizenship in the American marketplace.

My personal preference has been and continues to be for the establishment of a federal cabinet-level Department of Consumer Affairs. This preference was shared by 60 of my House colleagues who co-sponsored legislation to establish such a department. The steadily increasing body of consumer laws to be administered by the federal government is now beyond the efficient reach of any haphazard combination of agency appendages. This was true of urban problems in 1965 when the Department of Housing and Urban Development was established; it was true of transportation problems in 1966 when the Department of Transportation was created; it is true today of consumer problems.

What important functions would such a central agency perform more efficiently and effectively than are now being performed by the 33 existing agencies?

While it is impractical to transfer to a centralized statutory agency the consumer functions of all or even most of the 33 departments and agencies, a number of federal agencies will be relieved of their responsibility to protect competing and often diverse interests - surely an impossible balancing act. Can the Milk Marketing Administration of the Department of Agriculture faithfully represent, at the same time, the desire of consumers to get the most for their money and the desire of dairy farmers to get the most for their product? Can the Department of Commerce successfully administer its part of the Fair Packaging and Labeling Laws and yet serve the interests of its real constituency, the business community? Can the important consumer responsibilities relating to food and drug labeling required by the Pure Food and Drug Act receive adequate attention in a Department whose Secretary is overwhelmed by problems of education and welfare?

What vital functions would such a central agency perform that are not now performed by the 33 departments and agencies exercising consumer protection responsibilities?

(1) A central clearing house for consumer complaints would be established where now there is none. Does the consumer with complaints relating to deceptive advertising or misleading food labels write to the Federal Trade Commission or the Food and Drug Administration? Does the low-income consumer who purchases a low quality product at an inflated rate of interest complain to the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Reserve Board, or elsewhere?

(2) A central repository for consumer information would organize, release, and in some cases disseminate on a regular basis useful data on products and services in non-technical language. Many agencies of government that test consumer products refuse to release test results and other valuable consumer data. While many federal agencies readily make their test results and scientific studies available to private industry sources, the public which pays for those tests is denied access to their results.

(3) For the first time, the consumer's viewpoint would be vigorously represented before federal courts and regulatory agencies in matters of proceedings affecting substantially the interest of consumers. Thus, officials of the consumer agency might intervene in a case before the Federal Trade Commission involving the consistent failure of a company to properly honor its guarantee or warranty, or they might appear before a hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission on a matter involving the desire of a railroad to put itself out of the passenger business.

For the first time, consumers would be effectively represented before other federal departments and agencies when substantial consumer interests are involved. For example, the consumer view-point would be made known before the Department of Agriculture's Milk Marketing Administration when decisions are made affecting the local prices of milk and before the Oil Import Administration of the Department of the Interior which can influence the price of gasoline and heating fuel by loosening or tightening petroleum imports.

In short, it is essential that the accomplishments in the area of consumer affairs be viewed by your Administration as a departure point for more comprehensive and effective federal consumer programs.

Specifically, Mr. President-Elect, I respectfully urge that:

(1) You meet with leading congressional consumer spokesmen at the earliest possible moment to exchange ideas and establish priorities relative to pressing consumer matters;

(2) The Office of Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, or an equivalent position, be retained and strengthened and the Consumer Advisory Council and President's Committee on Consumer Interests be continued until major organizational changes can be effected in the present federal consumer protection apparatus;

(3) A special task force be established to study ways and means for centralizing and coordinating existing consumer programs. The task force should report its findings to the President and to the Congress within 90 days following its establishment.

(4) An inter-agency Committee on consumer problems of the poor be established for the purpose of maintaining a continuing review and evaluation of the effectiveness of federal programs designed to combat the unique problems faced by low-income consumers; and

(5) The federal government begin to disseminate to the public consumer product information now in its possession.

I pledge to you my full support in these important undertakings.

I await your response to this letter and any suggestions as to how I can cooperate with your Administration in its efforts to improve the quality of consumer protection and representation at the federal level.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ben Rosenthal".

Benjamin S. Rosenthal
Chairman, Special Inquiry on
Consumer Representation

MR. HARLOW:

Rose Woods indicated that the telegram was sent to Hon. Donald Ross.

The only change was the one she recommended: from "each Committeeman" to "each member of the National Committee".

Sue



Don. Donald Ross U.S. RNC
~~Member of RNC~~
~~Director~~ Sheraton Park Hotel
Wash, D.C.

FILE - ROSS, DONALD

On the happy occasion of this January 17th meeting,
I ~~want to~~ ^{hope you will} express my warm thanks to the Members of the
Republican National Committee for their devotion and energetic
efforts these past four years which contributed so much to
our common success in the 1968 Presidential campaign. Most
outstanding in our Party's resurgence has been the Committee's
drive for unity. The proof of ~~your~~ ^{its} accomplishment in this
respect was our November victory.

I know that each ~~of you~~ ^{Committee member} Member of the National Committee shares my appreciation and
esteem for our Chairman, Ray Bliss. His skill in rebuilding
our Party from its low fortunes four years ago to its present
strength has been unmatched in the history of Republican
leadership. As you are aware, ^{on} my request he has agreed to
remain in his post to help maintain our forward momentum ^{so that we}
~~can~~ ^{can} building a nationwide majority Party with the strength
and dedication to meet the many challenges confronting our
nation.

I wish ^{all of} you a most enjoyable and productive meeting
and hope our paths ^{will} ~~can~~ cross during the Inaugural festivities
so I can express these sentiments to each of you personally.

January 6, 1969

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
810 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Dick:

The Republican National Committee is meeting on Friday, January 17th, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Park Room at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. The meeting will continue until probably 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. with a break for a special luncheon honoring the new Governors, Senators and Congressmen. The reception will start at 12:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Hall, luncheon at 1:00 p.m. in the Sheraton Hall also.

On Thursday evening, January 16th, Mrs. Bliss and I are having a reception for the Members of the National Committee from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the South Cotillion Room.

I realize this period is the very busiest for you as you prepare for your inauguration and the assumption of the Presidency, but the National Committee would be highly honored if you could find a moment at any time to join them.

Sincerely,

Ray C. Bliss

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

RICHARD M. NIXON

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1968

Honorable Dan Rostenkowski
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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